

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-26 were previously pending in the application. Claims 2 and 16 are canceled; claims 1, 3, 15, and 17 are amended; and new claims 27-40 are added herein. Assuming the entry of this amendment, claims 1, 3-15, and 17-40 are now pending in the application. The Applicant hereby requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and these remarks.

In paragraph 2, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 4, 12-15, 18, and 26 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Smith. In paragraph 3, the Examiner objected to claims 2-3, 5-11, 16-17, and 19-25 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that those claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

### **Claims 1 and 3-14:**

Currently amended claim 1 is equivalent to original claim 2 rewritten in independent form. Since the Examiner indicated original claim 2 as allowable, the Applicant submits that currently amended claim 1 is allowable. Since claims 3-14 depend variously from claim 1, it is further submitted that those claims are also allowable.

### **Claims 15 and 17-26:**

Currently amended claim 15 is equivalent to original claim 16 rewritten in independent form. Since the Examiner indicated original claim 16 as allowable, the Applicant submits that currently amended claim 15 is allowable. Since claims 17-26 depend variously from claim 15, it is further submitted that those claims are also allowable.

### **Claims 27 and 28:**

New claim 27 is equivalent to original claim 5 rewritten in independent form. Support for new claim 28 can be found in original claim 6. Since the Examiner indicated original claim 5 as allowable, the Applicant submits that new claim 27 is allowable. Since claim 28 depends from claim 27, it is further submitted that this claim is also allowable.

### **Claims 29-33:**

New claim 29 is equivalent to original claim 7 rewritten in independent form. Support for new claims 30-33 can be found in original claims 8-11, respectively. Since the Examiner indicated original claim 7 as allowable, the Applicant submits that new claim 29 is allowable. Since claims 30-33 depend variously from claim 29, it is further submitted that those claims are also allowable.

### **Claims 34 and 35:**

New claim 34 is equivalent to original claim 19 rewritten in independent form. Support for new claim 35 can be found in original claim 20. Since the Examiner indicated original claim 20 as allowable, the Applicant submits that new claim 34 is allowable. Since claim 35 depends from claim 34, it is further submitted that this claim is also allowable.


### **Claims 36-40:**

New claim 36 is equivalent to original claim 21 rewritten in independent form. Support for new claims 37-40 can be found in original claims 22-25, respectively. Since the Examiner indicated original claim 21 as allowable, the Applicant submits that new claim 36 is allowable. Since claims 37-40 depend variously from claim 36, it is further submitted that those claims are also allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicant believes that the now pending claims are in condition for allowance. Therefore, the Applicant believes that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, and early and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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